IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice and amend claims 42-47 as indicated in the following list of pending claims.

Pending Claims

1-41 (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) A remotely imageable marker assembly having a plurality of marker bodies within a delivery tube for marking a selected intracorporeal site within a patient, comprising:

a. at least one of the bodies within the delivery tube being an ultrasound detectable body formed of material that dissipates over time at the intracorporeal site ;

b. a radiopaque marker element carried by or within the ultrasound detectable body ~~on an exterior portion thereof~~ that is persistent at the intracorporeal site and that is distinguishable as being artificial .

43. (Currently Amended) The remotely imageable marker assembly of claim 42 wherein the ultrasound detectable body is formed at least in part of a material selected from the group consisting of gelatin, reconstituted collagen material, polymeric material, and mixtures and composites thereof.

43. (Currently Amended) The remotely imageable marker assembly of claim 42 wherein the radiopaque marker element is a metallic band disposed at least partially surrounding the ultrasound detectable body.

44. (Currently Amended) The remotely imageable marker assembly of claim 43 wherein the metallic band is recognizably artificial when the marker is subject to ultrasound or X-ray imaging[[,]] ~~so as to be readily distinguishable from biological features within the tissue site~~.

45. (Currently Amended) A method of marking a selected intracorporeal tissue site for subsequent location, comprising:

a) providing a delivery tube with a plurality of marker bodies in which at least one of the marker bodies being ~~having~~ an ultrasound detectable body formed of material that dissipates over time at the intracorporeal tissue site and the at least one marker body having a radiopaque marker element which is carried on an exterior portion of or within the ultrasound detectable body, ~~on an exterior portion thereof~~ which is persistent at the intracorporeal site and which is distinguishable as being artificial; and

b) implanting the ultrasound detectable marker body at a preselected target site, so that the body is detectable when subject to ultrasound imaging.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 45, wherein implanting at least one marker includes inserting the delivery tube with the at least one marker through a biopsy needle device which has been previously inserted into the tissue site in the course of a biopsy procedure.

47. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 46, wherein inserting the at least one marker through a biopsy needle device includes:

a) using a vacuum-assisted large core biopsy device as the biopsy needle device; and

b) the insertion of the marker includes:

i. ~~loading the marker into a marker applicator device having an elongated marker insertion tube for holding the marker, the tube having a distal tip and~~ providing a piston housed within the delivery tube for expelling the marker from the tip;

ii. inserting the ~~marker insertion~~ delivery tube through the large core biopsy device until [[the]] a distal tip thereof is adjacent the tissue site; and

iii. depressing the piston to expel the at least one marker from the tube to implant adjacent the tissue site.

48. (Currently Amended) An intracorporeal site marker assembly having a plurality of marker bodies within a delivery tube for marking a selected site within tissue of a patient, comprising:

a) [[an]] at least one elongated body of bioabsorbable material that dissipates over time at the intracorporeal tissue site; and

b) a metallic band disposed at least partially surrounding the elongate body which is recognizably artificial when the marker is subject to ultrasound or X-ray imaging[[,]] ~~so as to be readily distinguishable from biological features within the tissue site~~ and which is persistent at the intracorporeal site.